

1-1 By: Patrick S.B. No. 877
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed February 27, 2013; March 5, 2013,
1-3 read first time and referred to Committee on Intergovernmental
1-4 Relations; March 25, 2013, reported favorably by the following
1-5 vote: Yeas 5, Nays 0; March 25, 2013, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-8	<u>Hinojosa</u>	X		
1-9	<u>Nichols</u>	X		
1-10	<u>Garcia</u>	X		
1-11	<u>Paxton</u>	X		
1-12	<u>Taylor</u>	X		

1-13 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-14 AN ACT

1-15 relating to establishing the Citizens' Star of Texas Award.
1-16 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:
1-17 SECTION 1. Section 3106.001, Government Code, is amended by
1-18 adding Subdivision (4) to read as follows:
1-19 (4) "Next of kin" means the relative in the nearest
1-20 degree of relationship to a deceased person, including the person's
1-21 spouse, child, parent, or sibling.
1-22 SECTION 2. Chapter 3106, Government Code, is amended by
1-23 adding Section 3106.0041 to read as follows:
1-24 Sec. 3106.0041. CITIZENS' STAR OF TEXAS AWARD. (a) The
1-25 Citizens' Star of Texas Award shall be awarded to:
1-26 (1) a private citizen who is seriously injured while
1-27 aiding or attempting to aid a peace officer, firefighter, or
1-28 emergency medical first responder in the performance of the duties
1-29 of the officer, firefighter, or first responder; and
1-30 (2) the surviving next of kin of a private citizen who
1-31 is killed or sustains a fatal injury while aiding or attempting to
1-32 aid a peace officer, firefighter, or emergency medical first
1-33 responder in the performance of the duties of the officer,
1-34 firefighter, or first responder.
1-35 (b) The Peace Officers' Star of Texas Award Advisory
1-36 Committee under Section 3106.002, the Firefighters' Star of Texas
1-37 Award Advisory Committee under Section 3106.003, and the Emergency
1-38 Medical First Responders' Star of Texas Award Advisory Committee
1-39 under Section 3106.004, as applicable, shall advise the governor on
1-40 the issuance, design, and presentation of the Citizens' Star of
1-41 Texas Award.
1-42 SECTION 3. Section 3106.007, Government Code, is amended to
1-43 read as follows:
1-44 Sec. 3106.007. RECOMMENDATION FOR AWARD. (a) Any person
1-45 who has personal knowledge that a peace officer, firefighter, or
1-46 emergency medical first responder has been killed or seriously
1-47 injured in the line of duty, or that a federal law enforcement
1-48 officer or special agent has been killed or seriously injured while
1-49 performing duties in this state to assist a state or local law
1-50 enforcement agency, may submit that information in writing to a
1-51 committee under this chapter.
1-52 (b) The head of an agency that employs a peace officer,
1-53 firefighter, or emergency medical first responder who has knowledge
1-54 of a private citizen described by Section 3106.0041(a) and a state
1-55 legislator representing the district in which the private citizen
1-56 resides may submit information about the private citizen in writing
1-57 to a committee under this chapter.
1-58 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2013.

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